

Appl. No. 10/092,897

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Amendment & Response to Restriction

Requirement filed December 9, 2004

Reply to Restriction Requirement of November 9, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Restrictions Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Species III, Figs. 8 and 9, including claims 7-9. This election is made with traverse.

In view of the Examiner's Restriction Requirement of November 9, 2004, Applicants retain the right to present claims directed to the subject matter of claims 1-6 and 10-12 in divisional application.

The title and abstract have been amended to cure minor informalities and to be in better form. A substitute specification and marked-up copy of the substitute specification are attached are required by the Examiner.

The rejection of the drawings with regard to claim 10 is rendered moot by the Applicants' election to prosecute claims 7-9. Claims 7-9 have been amended to be in better form.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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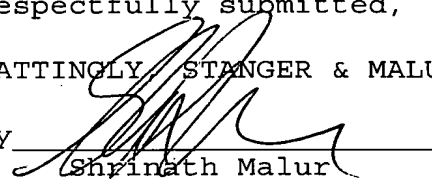
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any
payment to the Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

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